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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, AC

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN ANTIGUA

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1516

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL WE QUERIED BRITISH EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON ON ROLE HMG INTENDS TO PLAY IN ANY NEGOTIA-
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TIONS ON US MILITARY FACILITIES IN ANTIGUA. SEPTEMBER

15 BRITISH EMBASSY PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. HMG ASSUMES THAT ANTIGUA WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT DURING DURATION OF ANY AGREEMENT ON CONTINUED US USE OF FACILITIES. ACCORDINGLY, HMG WILL GO ALONG WITH PREMIER BIRD'S DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT DIRECTLY WITH THE USG, AND THERE WILL BE NO BRITISH REPRESENTATION ON THE ANTIGUAN NEGOTIATING TEAM. HOWEVER, BEFORE BEGINNING NEGOTIATIONS ON BASES, ANTIGUANS MUST OBTAIN AUTHORITY FROM HMG TO UNDERTAKE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, WHEN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ARE COMPLETED, THE AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO HMG FOR APPROVAL. GOA NEGOTIATORS MAY THEN SIGN AGREEMENT, BUT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF U.K.

3. NEGOTIATING SCENARIO AS SEEN BY U.K. THUS INCLUDES FOLLOWING STEPS:

A) GOA REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FROM HMG (WE UNDERSTAND REQUEST MADE TO UK BY GOA IN LETTER OF SEPT 21.);

B) HMG GRANTS THAT AUTHORITY;

C) GOA UNDERTAKES NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY WITH THE USG;

D) WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED, IT IS SUBMITTED TO HMG FOR APPROVAL;

E) HMG THEN GRANTS AUTHORITY TO THE ANTIGUANS TO SIGN AGREEMENT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.K.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO PREMIER BIRD'S LETTERS OF AUG 5 AND SEPT 21, 1976, BY LETTER INCLUDING FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTERS OF AUGUST 5 AND SEPT 21, 1976, SUGGESTING THAT OFFICIALS OF THE ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE RETENTION OF RIGHTS TO THE U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES IN ANTIGUA.
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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO RETAIN BOTH THE U.S. NAVAL FACILITY AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE EASTERN TEST RANGE SITE ON ANTIGUA BEYOND THE END OF 1977, AND OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE PREPARED TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT.

RECOGNIZING THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM IS PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ANTIGUA, THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THAT OFFICIALS OF THE ANTIGUA GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATING IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA. FURTHER, RECOGNIZING THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT DIRECTLY WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1976 - REF. E.D. 20/65 - II), THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUGGESTION CONCERNING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR SUCH A MEETING, UPON BEING INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GRANTED."

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN PROPOSED LETTER IS TRANSMITTED TO GOA. ROBINSON

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